

If You Love Animals...

You'll Adopt One Who Needs a Home!



Metro Animal Services has the largest selection of adoptable animals in the Louisville Metro area. Though our animals come from random sources, on average, thirty percent of our dogs are purebred. Plus, we have an even larger number with an obvious resemblance to purebreds. The majority of the animals we house were someone's pet at some point in their life, but sadly, through no fault of their own, they ended up in our care.

How do I adopt an animal?

The first step in the adoption process is to fill out our adoption survey. An adoption coordinator will meet with you to review and discuss the information on your survey and get an understanding of the type of pet you are looking for. Based on this discussion, the adoption counselor will recommend animals that would be a good fit for your lifestyle and expectations. You will then be introduced to the animals you are interested in and given time to get acquainted with them in one of our "meet and greet" rooms. Spending time with the animal and getting to know each other is a very important step in the adoption process. If you already have pets, we advise you to bring them in to meet the prospective new family member. However, before you do, please be certain that they are up-to-date on all vaccinations and currently licensed.

Things to consider before you adopt

It is important to keep an open mind when you are looking for a new furry family member; you shouldn't base your decision on looks alone. After all, you wouldn't choose to spend the next 12-15 years with a person based on looks alone! It is also important to take your time when choosing a pet. This animal will be your companion for life and you should consider its personality, temperament, the history of its breed(s), and the interactive needs it will have. Many small dogs are high energy, while larger ones can be big couch potatoes. When choosing a new furry friend, please take these things into consideration:

- The reason you want a pet
- Temperament, activity level and size
- Living space (apartment, house, yard)
- Budget (daily expenses as well as possible emergency vet care)
- Time for socializing and care of the pet
- Other family members, regular visitors and/or other animals



How much is the adoption fee, and what is included?

Adoption fees for animals vary depending on age, size, breed, and other factors. Because fees paid by adopters help us take care of animals still in our facility waiting for their forever homes, we charge different fees based on supply and demand; animals who are popular with adopters will have higher adoption fees than animals who are not as popular. This helps us ensure the best possible care for animals during their stay with us.

Included in the adoption fee for all animals are spay or neuter surgery, microchip, age appropriate vaccinations and testing (including rabies, bordetella, DAPP, FRVCP/FLV, heartworm and feline leukemia testing), deworming, Metro Pet License (if old enough for rabies vaccine), and coupon book to Feeders Supply.

What should I do before bringing home my new pet?

It's important to be prepared for your new pet prior to its arrival. Be sure to do your research and have all the appropriate supplies on hand: food and water bowls, training supplies, appropriate toys, bathing and grooming supplies, and

comfortable bedding. Discuss the responsibilities of the new pet with your family before bringing it home, and make sure everyone understands their role.

It's also important to remember that your new pet does not automatically know every rule it should abide by the moment it comes home with you; it's up to you to teach them! Enforce rules from your pet's first day home, and make sure all the members of your family follow the same rules. Also, always use positive reinforcement when training your new pet; never physically punish him. This does not help your pet understand your expectations, and in many cases will only make the situation worse.

If you've adopted a dog, you may also want to consider behavior training classes. There are many local resources that offer training classes around Louisville. These classes help you better communicate with your dog so your dog can better understand how to fulfill your expectations. It also helps socialize your dog, so he is more prepared to interact with other people and pets.



Some peace of mind...

The animals who come to us as strays are held for a minimum of five days. This period allows them the chance to be reunited with their owner. If they are not claimed, we do everything we can to give them a second chance. Many of the animals who go unclaimed are transferred to other animal welfare and/or rescue groups or placed in our adoption program. All animals, whether they come to us as strays or are surrendered to us by their owners, must pass a behavior evaluation before being placed in our adoption program. Animals placed in the adoption program do not have a set time period to be adopted.

I can't adopt, but I want to help; what can I do?

There are many ways to help the animals in our care. You can encourage friends and family who are planning to obtain a new pet to adopt instead of going to a pet store or breeder. You can make monetary or in-kind donations; the animal care center is always in need of something. You can also donate your time and become a volunteer, as we have all kinds of things you can do hands-on or hands-off with the animals. Every little bit helps!

For those who prefer to make a donation to a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, consider helping The Spot Fund, Inc. Its mission is to create, administer, and fund projects and programs that will promote our services and programs. The ultimate goal is to make our community a safe place for the people and animals in our community.

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